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**2021** 第三季度報告 Third Quarterly Report CHARACTERISTICS OF GEM ("GEM") OF THE STOCK EXCHANGE OF HONG KONG LIMITED (THE "STOCK EXCHANGE")

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# UNAUDITED CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED THIRD QUARTERLY RESULTS FOR THE NINE MONTHS ENDED 30 SEPTEMBER 2021

The board (the "**Board**") of Directors is pleased to announce that the unaudited condensed consolidated quarterly results of the Company and its subsidiaries (collectively, the "**Group**") for the three months and the nine months ended 30 September 2021, together with the comparative unaudited figures for the corresponding periods in 2020, as follows:

# CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF PROFIT OR LOSS AND OTHER COMPREHENSIVE INCOME

For the three and nine months ended 30 September 2021

			nths ended tember	Nine months ended 30 September		
	Notes	2021 (Unaudited) HK\$'000	2020 (Unaudited) HK\$'000 (Restated)	2021 (Unaudited) HK\$'000	2020 (Unaudited) HK\$'000 (Restated)	
REVENUE	2	8,994	12,483	21,054	36,702	
Cost of sales		(3,153)	(2,847)	(5,149)	(10,836)	
Gross profit		5,841	9,636	15,905	25,866	
Other income and gains or (losses) Operating and administrative expenses Reversal of impairment loss on trade	3	295 (8,831)	1,375 (12,110)	2,437 (24,956)	669 (29,784)	
receivables Reversal of impairment loss on other		-	—	61	155	
receivables Impairment loss on loans receivable Reversal of impairment loss/	16	Ξ		(352)	8,950 —	
(impairment loss) on finance lease receivables	17	_	_	950	(78,049)	
(Loss)/gain on deregistration of subsidiaries Loss on deconsolidation of subsidiaries Finance costs	4 5 6	 (4,052) (3,002)	(2,644)	(16) (4,052) (8,750)	1,057 (10,601)	
LOSS BEFORE INCOME TAX Income tax	7 8	(9,749) (539)	(3,743) (1,287)	(18,773) (970)	(81,737) (2,579)	
LOSS FOR THE PERIOD		(10,288)	(5,030)	(19,743)	(84,316)	
Loss for the period attributable to: Owners of the Company Non-controlling interests		(10,288) —	(3,331) (1,699)	(20,078) 335	(58,148) (26,168)	
		(10,288)	(5,030)	(19,743)	(84,316)	
		HK\$	HK\$	HK\$	НК\$	
LOSS PER SHARE — Basic and diluted	10	(0.03)	(0.02)*	(0.09)	(0.86)*	

\* Adjusted for the effect of share consolidation on 17 June 2021 and the bonus elements of the rights issue on 22 July 2021.

# CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF PROFIT OR LOSS AND OTHER COMPREHENSIVE INCOME (Continued)

For the three and nine months ended 30 September 2021

	Three mon 30 Sep	iths ended tember	Nine months ended 30 September		
	2021 (Unaudited)	2020 (Unaudited)	2021 (Unaudited)	2020 (Unaudited)	
	HK\$'000	HK\$'000	HK\$'000	HK\$'000	
LOSS FOR THE PERIOD	(10,288)	(5,030)	(19,743)	(84,316)	
Other comprehensive income: Item that may be reclassified subsequently to profit or loss: Exchange differences arising on					
translation of foreign operation	(9)	(229)	(89)	(3,209)	
Release of exchange reserve upon deconsolidation of subsidiaries	14,004	_	14,004	_	
TOTAL COMPREHENSIVE INCOME FOR THE PERIOD	3,707	(5,259)	(5,828)	(87,525)	
Total comprehensive income attributable to:					
Owners of the Company Non-controlling interests	3,702 5	(3,858) (1,401)	(6,254) 426	(60,415) (27,110)	
	3,707	(5,259)	(5,828)	(87,525)	

# CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION

		As at 30 September 2021 (Unaudited)	As at 31 December 2020 (Audited)
	Notes	HK\$'000	HK\$'000
ACCETC AND LIADULTIC			
ASSETS AND LIABILITIES Non-current assets			
Property, plant and equipment	11	3,418	750
Statutory deposit		510	510
Goodwill	12	5,470	5,470
Intangible assets	13	3,451	3,622
Right-of-use assets	14	371	3,630
Financial assets at fair value through			-,
other comprehensive income		2,730	2,730
Financial assets at fair value through profit or loss		487	487
Total non-current assets		16,437	17,199
Current assets			
Inventories		323	377
Trade receivables	15	4,637	15,253
Prepayments, deposits and other receivables		7,746	8,339
Loans receivable	16	7,738	11,032
Finance lease receivables	17	_	—
Financial assets at fair value through profit or loss		579	1,010
Bank balances — trust accounts	18	26,226	27,378
Bank balances and cash — general accounts	18	48,341	27,610
Total current assets		95,590	90,999
Current liabilities			
Borrowings	19	—	851
Lease liabilities	20	377	3,354
Trade payables	21	29,180	40,864
Other payables and accruals		13,810	42,801
Tax payables		1,557	559
Total current liabilities		44,924	88,429
Net current assets		50,666	2,570
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Total assets less current liabilities		67,103	19,769

# CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION (Continued)

	Notes	As at 30 September 2021 (Unaudited) HK\$'000	As at 31 December 2020 (Audited) HK\$'000
<b>Non-current liabilities</b> Deferred tax liabilities Convertible bonds	22	569 82,469	598 73,872
Total non-current liabilities		83,038	74,470
Net liabilities EQUITY Share capital	23	(15,935)	(54,701)
Share capital Reserves Equity attributable to owners	23	48,483 (64,418)	13,232 (76,015)
of the Company Non-controlling interests		(15,935) —	(62,783) 8,082
Total deficiency		(15,935)	(54,701)

# CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN EQUITY

For the nine months ended 30 September 2021

	Attributable to owners of the Company												
	Issued capital (Unaudited) HK\$'000	premium*	Contributed surplus* (Unaudited) HK\$'000	Equity component of convertible bonds* (Unaudited) HK\$'000	Share option reserve* (Unaudited) HK\$'000	Capital reduction reserve* (Unaudited) HK\$'000	Exchange fluctuation reserve* (Unaudited) HK\$'000	Fair value through other comprehensive income reserve* (Unaudited) HK\$'000	Other reserve* (Unaudited) HK\$'000	Accumulated losses* (Unaudited) HK\$'000	Total (Unaudited) HK\$'000	Non- controlling interests (Unaudited) HK\$'000	Total equity (Unaudited) HK\$'000
As at 1 January 2020	2,622	993,392	66,710	22,728	25,004	163,191	(10,997)	32	(6,548)	(1,400,237)	(144,103)	34,739	(109,364)
Comprehensive income Loss for the period Other comprehensive income Exchange difference arising on translation of foreign	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	(58,148)	(58,148)		
operation	-	-	-	-	-	-	(2,267)	-	-	-	(2,267)	(942)	(3,209)
Total comprehensive income	-	-	-	-	-	-	(2,267)	-	-	(58,148)	(60,415)	(27,110)	(87,525)
Issuance of shares Transaction cost for	10,488	104,880	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	115,368	-	115,368
rights issue	-	(1,552)	) —	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	(1,552)	-	(1,552)
Redemption of convertible bonds	-	-	-	(28,596)	-	-	-	-	-	10,030	(18,566)	-	(18,566)
Issuance of convertible bonds Modification of the terms of	_	_	_	16,016	-	_	-	-	-	-	16,016	-	16,016
convertible bonds	-	-	-	41,780	-	-	-	-	-	1,828	43,608	-	43,608
As at 30 September 2020	13,110	1,096,720	66,710	51,928	25,004	163,191	(13,264)	32	(6,548)	(1,446,527)	(49,644)	7,629	(42,015)
As at 1 January 2021	13,232	1,096,884	66,710	51,928	25,004	163,191	(13,824)	730	(6,548)	(1,460,090)	(62,783)	8,082	(54,701)
Comprehensive income (Loss)/profit for the period Other comprehensive income Exchange difference arising on templeting of fersions	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	(20,078)	(20,078)	335	(19,743)
translation of foreign operation	-	-	-	-	-	-	(180)	-	-	-	(180)	91	(89)
Release of exchange reserve to profit or loss upon deconsolidation of subsidiaries							14.004				44.004	_	
subsidiaries							14,004				14,004		14,004
Total comprehensive income	-	-	-	-	-	-	13,824	-	-	(20,078)	(6,254)	426	(5,828)
Issuance of shares (Note 23) Transaction cost for rights	34,631	17,316	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	51,947	-	51,947
issue (Note 23)	-	(772)	) –	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	(772)	-	(772)
Recognition of equity-settled share-based payment Proceeds from exercise of	-	-	-	-	997	-	-	-	-	-	997	-	997
share options	620	310	_	-	_	-	-	-	-	-	930	-	930
snare options						_		_	-	_	_	_	_
Exercise of share options	-	468	-	-	(468)	-	-					-	
	-	468	-	-	(468)	-	-	-	-	-	_	(8,508)	(8,508)

\* These reserve accounts comprised the reserve balance as presented in the condensed consolidated statement of financial position.

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# 1. BASIS OF PREPARATION AND ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The unaudited condensed consolidated quarterly results have been prepared in accordance with all applicable Hong Kong Financial Reporting Standards ("**HKFRSs**"), which collective term includes all applicable individual HKFRSs, Hong Kong Accounting Standards ("**HKASs**") and Interpretations issued by Hong Kong Institute of Certified Public Accountants ("**HKICPA**").

The unaudited condensed consolidated quarterly results also comply with the applicable disclosure provisions of the GEM Listing Rules.

The unaudited condensed consolidated quarterly results have been prepared under the historical cost convention except for certain financial instruments which are measured at fair values. Historical cost is generally based on the fair value of the consideration given in exchange for assets.

The unaudited condensed consolidated quarterly results should be read in conjunction with the Group's audited annual financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2020 (the "**2020 Annual Report**"). The accounting policies and methods of computation adopted are consistent with those followed in the preparation of the 2020 Annual Report.

The Group has adopted the standards, amendments and interpretations that have been issued and effective for the accounting period beginning on 1 January 2021. The adoption of such standards, amendments and interpretations does not have any material financial effect on this quarterly results.

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## 2. REVENUE AND SEGMENT REPORTING

2.1 Revenue represents income from financial services operations, income from corporate consulting operations and the amounts received and receivable for goods sold to outside customers, net of returns and discounts during the three months and nine months ended.

	Three mon 30 Sep	nths ended tember	Nine months ended 30 September		
	2021 (Unaudited) HK\$'000	2020 (Unaudited) HK\$'000	2021 (Unaudited) HK\$'000	2020 (Unaudited) HK\$'000	
Financial services business	4,029	7,005	11,043	18,695	
Corporate consulting business Trading business	1,607 3,358	2,350 3,128	4,372 5,639	5,968 12,039	
	8,994	12,483	21,054	36,702	

#### 2.2 Segment reporting

#### (a) Reportable segments

The Group determines its operating segments based on the reports reviewed by the chief operating decision-maker that are used to make strategic decisions. The chief operating decision-maker has been identified as the Company's executive directors.

During the period, the Group has not entered new contract with any customer in providing technical support services and sale of information technology products; as such, no revenue is recorded for this business sector. For the purpose of better assessment of individual segment performance, the assets/labilities and performance of this business sector are grouped into "unallocated" column, therefore certain information for the year ended 31 December 2020 and the nine months ended 30 September 2020 had been re-presented to conform with current year presentation.

The Group currently has three reportable segments. The segments are managed separately as each business offers different products and services and requires different business strategies as follows:

 The financial services business includes the securities brokerage business, provision of corporate finance advisory services, asset management business and money lending business;

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# 2. **REVENUE AND SEGMENT REPORTING** (Continued)

#### 2.2 Segment reporting (Continued)

#### (a) Reportable segments (Continued)

- (b) The corporate consulting business segment is engaged in the provision of company secretarial services, accounting and financial reporting services and management consulting services; and
- (c) The trading business segment is engaged in the trading of goods, components and accessories.

#### (b) Segment revenue and results

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	Financial services business (Unaudited) HK\$'000	Corporate consulting business (Unaudited) HK\$'000	Trading business (Unaudited) HK\$'000	Total (Unaudited) HK\$'000
Segment revenue	11,043	4,372	5,639	21,054
Segment profit/(loss)	6,718	211	(518)	6,411
Finance costs Reversal of impairment loss on finance lease receivables Loss on deconsolidation of subsidiaries Unallocated corporate expenses				(8,622) 950 (4,052) (13,460)
Loss before income tax			-	(18,773)

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	Financial services business (Unaudited) HK\$'000	Corporate consulting business (Unaudited) HK\$'000	Trading business (Unaudited) HK\$'000	Total (Unaudited) HK\$'000
Segment revenue	18,695	5,968	12,039	36,702
Segment profit/(loss)	6,960	2,077	(229)	8,808
Finance costs Gain on deregistration of subsidiaries Reversal of impairment loss on other receivables Impairment loss on finance lease receivables Unallocated corporate expenses			_	(10,363) 1,057 8,950 (78,049) (12,140)
Loss before income tax				(81,737)

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# 2. **REVENUE AND SEGMENT REPORTING** (Continued)

# 2.2 Segment reporting (Continued)

# (c) Segment assets and liabilities

The following is an analysis of the Group's assets and liabilities by reportable segments:

	30 September 2021 (Unaudited) HK\$'000	31 December 2020 (Audited) HK\$'000
Segment assets		
Financial services business Corporate consulting business Trading business	61,414 12,499 6,030	69,705 11,710 6,400
Total segment assets	79,943	87,815
Unallocated bank balances and cash Unallocated corporate assets	22,894 9,190	11,309 9,074
Consolidated total assets	112,027	108,198
Segment liabilities		
Financial services business Corporate consulting business Trading business	30,630 153 3,027	44,034 973 3,415
Total segment liabilities	33,810	48,422
Convertible bonds Unallocated corporate liabilities	82,469 11,683	73,872 40,605
Consolidated total liabilities	127,962	162,899

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## 2. **REVENUE AND SEGMENT REPORTING** (Continued)

## 2.2 Segment reporting (Continued)

#### (d) Geographical information

For the nine months ended 30 September 2021 and 2020, the Group's revenue from external customers is derived solely from its operations in Hong Kong (place of domicile), where all of the Group's non-current assets are located in Hong Kong. The geographical location of external customers is based on the location at which the goods are delivered and services rendered.

## (e) Major customers

Revenues from customers contributing over 10% of the total revenue of the Group are as follows:

	Nine months ended 30 September		
	2021 (Unaudited) HK\$'000	2020 (Unaudited) HK\$'000	
Customer A — financial services business Customer B	2,300	_	
— financial services business	—	7,036	
Customer C — trading business	_	3,859	
	2,300	10,895	

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# 3. OTHER INCOME AND GAINS OR (LOSSES)

		nths ended tember	Nine months ended 30 September		
	2021	2020	2021	2020	
	(Unaudited)	(Unaudited)	(Unaudited)	(Unaudited)	
	HK\$'000	HK\$'000	HK\$'000	HK\$'000	
Interest income on bank deposit	1	—	4	13	
Other operating income	742	20	1,921	376	
Change in fair value of financial					
assets at fair value through					
profit or loss	(524)	—	(432)	—	
Gain on disposal of a					
subsidiary <i>(Note)</i>	—	—	1	—	
Gain on modification of terms					
of convertible bonds	—	—	-	2,502	
Derecognition of other payable					
and promissory note	—	—	-	(1,702)	
Loss on redemption of					
convertible bonds	—	—	-	(2,444)	
Gain on disposal of property,					
plant and equipment	—	—	-	56	
Waiver of other payables	19	—	722	_	
Sundry income	57	1,355	221	1,868	
	295	1,375	2,437	669	

*Note:* On 26 March 2021, the Company as a vendor entered into an instrument of transfer with an independent third party, to dispose of its entire equity interest of Galaxy PAM Asset Management (Cayman Islands) Limited, a wholly-owned subsidiary, at a consideration of HK\$90,000. The gain on disposal of a subsidiary amounted to HK\$1,000 has been recognised in the condensed consolidated statement of profit or loss for the nine months ended 30 September 2021.

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## 4. (LOSS)/GAIN ON DEREGISTRATION OF SUBSIDIARIES

On 25 February 2021, the Group deregistrated 領智恒泰(北京)商務諮詢有限公司, an indirect wholly-owned subsidiary of the Company. Loss on deregistration of a subsidiary amounted to HK\$16,000 has been recognised in the condensed consolidated statement of profit or loss and other comprehensive income for the nine months ended 30 September 2021.

On 22 May 2020, the Group deregistrated M Technology Limited and Merdeka Asset Management Limited, indirect wholly-owned subsidiaries of the Company. Gain on deregistration of subsidiaries amounted to HK\$1,057,000 has been recognised in the condensed consolidated statement of profit or loss and other comprehensive income for the nine months ended 30 September 2020.

# 5. LOSS ON DECONSOLIDATION OF SUBSIDIARIES

On 10 September 2021, End User Investments Limited (being a wholly-owned subsidiary of the Company), in its capacity as the sole shareholder of Blossom Height Ventures Limited ("**Blossom Height**") resolved to wind up Blossom Height by way of member's voluntary winding-up. Mr. Osman Mohammed Arab and Mr. Lai Wing Lun of RSM Corporate Advisory (Hong Kong) Limited, and Mr. Nathan Mills of R&H Restructuring (BVI) Limited were appointed as the joint voluntary liquidators of Blossom Height on 29 September 2021.

Following the commencement of the voluntary winding-up under the Hong Kong Companies Ordinance, the Group lost control over Blossom Height because the joint voluntary liquidators have taken over control of the operations of Blossom Height under the statutory power. Blossom Height was then ceased to be a subsidiary of the Company with effect from 29 September 2021.

Loss on deconsolidation of subsidiaries amounted to HK\$4,052,000 has been recognised in the condensed consolidated statement of profit or loss and other comprehensive income for the nine months ended 30 September 2021.

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# 6. FINANCE COSTS

		nths ended tember	Nine months ended 30 September	
	2021 (Unaudited) HK\$'000	2020 (Unaudited) HK\$'000	2021 (Unaudited) HK\$'000	2020 (Unaudited) HK\$'000
Imputed interest on convertible bonds <i>(Note)</i>	2,980	2,587	8,597	9,457
Imputed interest on promissory notes Coupon interest on promissory	_	_	-	128
notes	—	—	-	27
Interest on bank borrowings Interest on other borrowings Interest on lease liabilities	14 — 8	— 13 44	103 — 50	149 678 162
	0	44	50	102
	3,002	2,644	8,750	10,601

Note: It represents the imputed interest on the liability component of the convertible bonds for both periods.

# 7. LOSS BEFORE INCOME TAX

Loss before income tax is arrived at after charging:

	Three months ended 30 September		Nine months ended 30 September	
	2021 (Unaudited) HK\$'000	2020 (Unaudited) HK\$'000	2021 (Unaudited) HK\$'000	2020 (Unaudited) HK\$'000
Depreciation expenses in respect of:				
Right-of-use assets Property, plant and	1,086	1,243	3,259	3,729
equipment	352	210	780	708
Amortisation of intangible assets	57	57	171	171
Staff costs (including Directors' emoluments)	4,394	4,066	13,596	11,801

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#### 8. INCOME TAX

Under the two-tiered profits tax rates regime, the first HK\$2,000,000 of profits of qualifying corporations will be taxed at 8.25%, and profits above HK\$2,000,000 will be taxed at 16.5%. The profits of group entities in Hong Kong that are not qualifying for the two-tiered profits tax rates regime will continue to be taxed at a flat rate of 16.5%.

The subsidiaries established in the People's Republic of China (the "**PRC**") are subject to enterprise income tax at tax rates of 25% for both periods ended 30 September 2021 and 2020.

	Three months ended 30 September		Nine months ended 30 September	
	2021	2020	2021	2020
	(Unaudited)	(Unaudited)	(Unaudited)	(Unaudited)
	HK\$'000	HK\$'000	HK\$'000	HK\$'000
Hong Kong profits tax:				
— current	548	1,296	998	2,837
Deferred tax	(9)	(9)	(28)	(258)
	539	1,287	970	2,579

# 9. DIVIDEND

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No quarterly dividend has been paid or declared by the Company during the nine months ended 30 September 2021 (nine months ended 30 September 2020: Nil).

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## 10. LOSS PER SHARE

The calculation of basic and diluted loss per share attributable to owners of the Company are based on the following data:

	Three months ended 30 September		Nine months ended 30 September	
	2021 (Unaudited) HK\$'000	2020 (Unaudited) HK\$'000	2021 (Unaudited) HK\$'000	2020 (Unaudited) HK\$'000
Loss attributable to owners of the Company for the purpose of calculating basis	(40.200)	(2.224)	(20.070)	(50.440)
and diluted loss per share	(10,288)	(3,331)	(20,078)	(58,148)

	Number Three months ended 30 September		of shares Nine months ended 30 September	
	2021 (Unaudited) ′000	2020 (Unaudited) ′000 (Restated)	2021 (Unaudited) ′000	2020 (Unaudited) ′000 (Restated)
Weighted average number of ordinary shares for the purpose of calculating basic and diluted loss per share	407,264	137,227	231,666	67,912

The calculation of basic loss per share for the nine months ended 30 September 2021 is based on the loss attributable to ordinary equity shareholders of the Company, and the weighted average number of 231,666,000 (nine month ended 30 September 2020: 67,912,000 adjusted for the effect of share consolidation on 17 June 2021 and the bonus elements of the rights issue on 22 July 2021) ordinary shares in issue.

Diluted loss per share amount for both periods were not presented because the impact of the exercise of the share options and convertible bonds was anti-dilutive. Potential ordinary shares are dilutive when and only when their conversion into ordinary shares would increase loss per share attributable to owners of the Company.

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# 11. PROPERTY, PLANT AND EQUIPMENT

During the nine months ended 30 September 2021, the Group spent approximately HK\$3,448,000 in additions of leasehold improvement, computer and office equipment and motor vehicles (year ended 31 December 2020: HK\$65,000).

# 12. GOODWILL

HK\$'000
11,273
5,803
5,470
5,470

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## **13. INTANGIBLE ASSETS**

Trading Right HK\$'000	Customer Relationship HK\$'000	<b>Total</b> HK\$'000
5,705	1,140	6,845
1,205	190	1,395
1,600	_	1,600
	228	228
2,805	418	3,223
_,	171	171
2 005	500	2 204
2,805	589	3,394
2,900	551	3,451
2,900	722	3,622
	Right HK\$'000 5,705 1,205 1,600  2,805 2,805 2,900	Right         Relationship           HK\$'000         HK\$'000           5,705         1,140           1,205         190           1,600         —           2,805         418           1711         589           2,900         551

Trading right have indefinite useful life and therefore no amortisation has been provided.

No impairment loss was considered during the nine months ended 30 September 2021 (year ended 31 December 2020: HK\$1,600,000).

Customer relationship of HK\$1,140,000 represented the intangible asset arose from the acquisition of corporate consulting business and was valued as of the respective date of acquisition by an independent qualified valuer on the basis of the excess earnings method under the income approach. The management of the Group considered customer relationship has finite useful lives and is amortised on a straight-line basis over 5 years.

There was no addition of intangible assets for the nine months ended 30 September 2021 and year ended 31 December 2020.

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# 14. RIGHT-OF-USE ASSETS

	HK\$'000
<b>COST:</b> At 1 January 2020 (audited) Lease modification Exchange realignment	15,096 (1,832) 21
At 31 December 2020 (audited) and 1 January 2021 (audited) Deconsolidation of subsidiaries Exchange realignment	13,285 (993 10
At 30 September 2021 (unaudited)	12,302
ACCUMULATED DEPRECIATION: At 1 January 2020 (audited) Depreciation for the year Lease modification Exchange realignment	6,390 4,867 (1,623) 21
At 31 December 2020 (audited) and 1 January 2021 (audited) Depreciation for the period Deconsolidation of subsidiaries Exchange realignment	9,655 3,259 (993) 10
At 30 September 2021 (unaudited)	11,931
<b>NET CARRYING AMOUNT:</b> At 30 September 2021 (unaudited)	371
At 31 December 2020 (audited)	3,630

The right-of-use assets represent the Group's rights to use underlying leased premises under operating lease arrangements over the lease terms, which are stated at cost less accumulated depreciation and accumulated impairment losses, and adjusted for any remeasurement of the lease liabilities.

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# **15. TRADE RECEIVABLES**

An aged analysis of the trade receivables as at the end of the reporting date, based on the invoice date and net of impairment, are as follows:

	As at 30 September 2021	As at 31 December 2020
	(Unaudited) HK\$'000	(Audited) HK\$'000
Within 30 days 31 to 60 days 61 to 120 days	3,437 433 253	14,135 410 151
Over 120 days	514	557
	4,637	15,253

As at 30 September 2021, the balance of HK\$1,534,000 (31 December 2020: HK\$12,829,000) represented the trade receivables arising from securities brokerage services.

The aged analysis of the trade receivables that are not considered to be impaired is as follows:

	As at	As at
	30 September	31 December
	2021	2020
	(Unaudited)	(Audited)
	HK\$'000	HK\$'000
Not impaired	4,637	15,253

Receivables that were not impaired relate to customers for whom there were no recent history of default. The Group does not hold any collateral over these balances.

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## **16. LOANS RECEIVABLE**

	As at	As at
	30 September	31 December
	2021	2020
	(Unaudited)	(Audited)
	HK\$'000	HK\$'000
Gross loan and interest receivables	8,330	11,272
Less: Provision for impairment loss	(592)	(240)
	7,738	11,032

As at 30 September 2021, loans receivable with gross principal amount of HK\$7,904,000 (31 December 2020: HK\$11,204,000) in aggregate and related gross interest receivables of HK\$426,000 (31 December 2020: HK\$68,000) were due from two (31 December 2020: three) independent third parties. These loans are interest-bearing at rates ranging from 12% to 15% (31 December 2020: 10% to 15%) per annum and was repayable within twelve months from the end of the reporting period and therefore were classified as current assets as at 30 September 2021 and 31 December 2020.

As at 30 September 2021, the Group hold collateral over loans receivable with gross principal amount of nil (31 December 2020: HK\$6,000,000). Impairment loss of HK\$352,000 (year ended 31 December 2020: HK\$240,000) has been recognised in the condensed consolidated statement of profit or loss and other comprehensive income for the nine months ended 30 September 2021.

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# **17. FINANCE LEASE RECEIVABLES**

	As at	As at
	30 September	31 December
	2021	2020
	(Unaudited)	(Audited)
	HK\$'000	HK\$'000
Gross finance lease receivables	_	168,518
Less: Provision for impairment loss	-	(168,518)
	-	—

# Amount receivable under finance leases

	Minimum lease payment		Present value of minimum lease payme	
	As at	As at	As at	As at
	30 September	31 December	30 September	31 December
	2021	2020	2021	2020
	(Unaudited)	(Audited)	(Unaudited)	(Audited)
	HK\$'000	HK\$'000	HK\$'000	HK\$'000
Within one year	_	182,899	_	168,518
Unearned finance income	-	(14,381)	N/A	N/A
Present value of minimum				
lease payment	_	168,518	_	168,518
Less: Provision for				
impairment loss	-	(168,518)	-	(168,518)
	-	_	-	

The interest rate inherent in the leases was fixed at the contract date for the entire lease term. The interest rates of the above finance leases is 5.83% per annum as at 31 December 2020.

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#### 17. FINANCE LEASE RECEIVABLES (Continued)

#### Amount receivable under finance leases (Continued)

Finance lease receivable balances were secured over the equipment held by the lessee. The Group was not permitted to sell or repledge the collateral in the absence of default by the leasee. Following the appointment of liquidators of Blossom Height, the Group has ceased the business of finance leasing service in the PRC.

For the nine months ended 30 September 2021, reversal of impairment loss of HK\$950,000 has been recognised in the condensed consolidated statement of profit or loss and other comprehensive income (year ended 31 December 2020: impairment loss of HK\$78,049,000).

# 18. BANK BALANCES AND CASH

	As at	As at
	30 September	31 December
	2021	2020
	(Unaudited)	(Audited)
	HK\$'000	HK\$'000
Bank balances — trust accounts <i>(Note)</i>	26,226	27,378
Bank balances and cash — general accounts	48,341	27,610
	74,567	54,988

*Note:* The Group receives and holds money deposited by clients in the course of the conduct of the regulated activities. These clients money are maintained in one trust bank account and bear interest at commercial rates. The Group has recognised the corresponding accounts payable to respective clients.

As at 30 September 2021, the Group's bank balances and cash — general accounts amounted to approximately HK\$48,341,000 (31 December 2020: approximately HK\$27,610,000), approximately HK\$73,000 was denominated in RMB and of approximately HK\$48,268,000 was denominated in Hong Kong dollars (31 December 2020: approximately HK\$78,000 and approximately HK\$27,532,000 respectively).

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# **19. BORROWINGS**

	As at	As at
	30 September	31 December
	2021	2020
	(Unaudited)	(Audited)
	HK\$'000	HK\$'000
Bank borrowings, unsecured	—	851
	—	851

At 31 December 2020, the abovementioned bank borrowings is charged at a fixed rate of 5.75% per annum.

# 20. LEASE LIABILITIES

	As at 30 September	As at 31 December
	2021	2020
	(Unaudited)	(Audited)
	HK\$'000	HK\$'000
Minimum lease payments due		
— Within one year	378	3,407
	378	3,407
Less: future finance charges	(1)	(53)
Present value of lease liabilities	377	3,354

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## **20. LEASE LIABILITIES** (Continued)

	As at	As at
	30 September	31 December
	2021	2020
	(Unaudited)	(Audited)
	HK\$'000	HK\$'000
Within one year	377	3,354
	377	3,354

# 21. TRADE PAYABLES

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An aged analysis of trade payables as at the end of reporting date based on the invoice date/contractual term, are as follows:

	As at 30 September 2021 (Unaudited) HK\$'000	As at 31 December 2020 (Audited) HK\$'000
Within 30 days 31 to 60 days 61 to 120 days Over 120 days	27,822 — — 1,358	39,506 — 134 1,224
	29,180	40,864

As at 30 September 2021, the balance of HK\$27,822,000 (31 December 2020: HK\$39,295,000) represented the trade payables arising from securities brokerage services.

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## 22. CONVERTIBLE BONDS

The movement of the liability component of the convertible bonds was as follows:

	Notes	As at 30 September 2021 (Unaudited) HK\$'000	As at 31 December 2020 (Audited) HK\$'000
At beginning of the period/year Interest charged Issuance of convertible bonds Modification of the term of convertible	1	73,872 8,597 —	116,344 12,136 25,492
bonds Redemption of convertible bonds	2 3		(46,110) (33,990)
		82,469	73,872

Notes:

On 10 January 2020, the Company entered into the subscription agreement (as supplemented by the 1. supplemental agreement dated 20 March 2020) with Team Sunny International Holdings Limited ("Team Sunny"), a company incorporated in the British Virgin Islands and is wholly-owned by Mr. Wong Hin Shek, the substantial shareholder of the Company, pursuant to which Team Sunny conditionally agreed to subscribe and the Company conditionally agreed to issue the convertible bonds ("Team Sunny CB") in the principal amount of HK\$39,805,651 (which are convertible into conversion shares at the conversion price of HK\$0.110 per conversion share (subject to adjustments)) for the settlement of the outstanding debt due from the Company to Mr. Wong of HK\$39,805,651. The subscription amount payable by Team Sunny under the subscription agreement shall be satisfied by way of offsetting (i) the principal amount of HK\$8,000,000 under a promissory note issued by the Company in 2019 (the "2019 PN") and payable by the Company to Mr. Wong (which will be assigned to Team Sunny by Mr. Wong at the completion of the subscription to facilitate the set-off); and (ii) the outstanding principal amount and part of the accrued interest in an aggregate amount of HK\$31,805,651 under Mr. Wong's facilities payable by the Company to Mr. Wong (which will be assigned to Team Sunny by Mr. Wong at the completion of the subscription to facilitate the set-off). Details were set out in the Company's announcements dated 10 January 2020, 20 March 2020, 14 April 2020 and 21 May 2020 and the Company's circular dated 27 March 2020.

On 17 June 2021, upon the effective of the share consolidation on the basis that every ten issued and unissued shares of the Company (the "Share(s)") of par value of HK0.1 each in the share capital of the Company be consolidated into one consolidated share of par value of HK0.1 each, the conversion price of Team Sunny CB adjusted to HK1.100 per conversion share.

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#### 22. CONVERTIBLE BONDS (Continued)

Notes: (Continued)

1. (Continued)

On 22 July 2021, the Company completed a rights issue (the "**2021 Rights Issue**") and allotted and issued 346,310,897 Shares, on the basis of five (5) rights share for every two (2) Shares held on 28 June 2021 at the subscription price of HK\$0.15 per rights share. Upon the completion of the 2021 Rights Issue, the conversion price of Team Sunny CB was adjusted to HK\$0.903 per conversion share.

2. On 10 January 2020, the Company and the holder(s) ("CB Holders") of the convertible bonds issued by the Company on 12 August 2008 (the "2008 CBs") entered into the fourth supplemental deed, pursuant to which the Company and the CB Holders conditionally agreed to amend certain terms of the 2008 CBs such that (a) the maturity date of the 2008 CBs be extended for a further term of three years from 13 August 2020 to 12 August 2023; and (b) the conversion price of the 2008 CBs be revised from HK\$0.95 per conversion share to HK\$0.110 per conversion share with effect from 13 August 2020 (subject to adjustments). Save for the above amendments, all other terms of the 2008 CBs shall remain unchanged and valid. Details were set out in the Company's announcements dated 10 January 2020, 20 March 2020 and 14 April 2020 and the Company's circular dated 27 March 2020.

On 17 June 2021, upon the effective of the share consolidation on the basis that every ten issued and unissued Shares of par value of HK\$0.1 each in the share capital of the Company be consolidated into one consolidated share of par value of HK\$0.1 each, the conversion price of 2008 CBs adjusted to HK\$1.100 per conversion share.

On 22 July 2021, the Company completed the 2021 Rights Issue and allotted and issued 346,310,897 Shares, on the basis of five (5) rights share for every two (2) Shares held on 28 June 2021 at the subscription price of HK\$0.15 per rights share. Upon the completion of the 2021 Rights Issue, the conversion price of 2008 CB was adjusted to HK\$0.90 per conversion share.

 On 29 June 2020, the Company has made a partial redemption in the principal amount of HK\$55,000,000 on part of the 2008 CBs.

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# 23. SHARE CAPITAL

		Number of	
	Notes	<b>shares</b> in '000	<b>Amount</b> HK\$'000
Authorised:			
At 1 January 2020, 31 December 2020 and 1 January 2021			
Ordinary shares of HK\$0.01 each		20,000,000	200,000
Share consolidation	1	(18,000,000)	
At 30 September 2021			
Ordinary shares of HK\$0.1 each		2,000,000	200,000
Issued and fully paid:			
At 1 January 2020 Ordinary shares of HK\$0.01 each		262,200	2,622
Issuance of shares upon rights issue	4	1,048,803	10,488
Issuance of shares upon exercise of share	4	1,040,005	10,400
options	5	12,240	122
At 31 December 2020 and 1 January 2021			
Ordinary shares of HK\$0.01 each		1,323,243	13,232
Issuance of shares upon exercise of share		~~ ~~~	60.0
options	2	62,000	620
Share consolidation	1	(1,246,719)	
Issuance of shares upon rights issue	3	346,311	34,631
At 30 September 2021			
Ordinary shares of HK\$0.1 each		484,835	48,483

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## 23. SHARE CAPITAL (Continued)

Notes:

- Pursuant to an ordinary resolution passed in the extraordinary general meeting of the Company on 15 June 2021, every ten issued and unissued Shares of HK\$0.01 each were consolidated into one consolidated share of the Company of HK\$0.1 each with effective on 17 June 2021.
- 2. During the nine months ended 30 September 2021, share options to subscribe for 62,000,000 ordinary Shares were exercised. The net consideration was HK\$930,000 of which HK\$620,000 was credited to share capital account and the balance of HK\$310,000 was credited to the share premium account. An amount of HK\$468,000 was transferred from share option reserve account to share premium account upon the exercise of the share options.
- 3. On 22 July 2021, the Company completed the 2021 Rights Issue and allotted and issued 346,310,897 Shares, on the basis of five (5) rights share for every two (2) Shares held on 28 June 2021 at the subscription price of HK\$0.15 per rights share. Gross 2021 Rights Issue proceeds of HK\$51,947,000 of which HK\$34,631,000 was credited against share capital and the remaining proceeds of HK\$17,316,000 was after offsetting the share issuance costs of HK\$772,000 were credited against the share premium account.
- 4. On 22 June 2020, the Company completed a rights issue (the "2020 Rights Issue") on the basis of four rights shares for every one Shares held on 28 May 2020 at the subscription price of HK\$0.110 per rights share and allotted and issued 1,048,802,876 Shares. Gross 2020 Rights Issue proceeds of HK\$115,368,000 of which HK\$10,488,000 was credited against share capital and the remaining proceeds of HK\$104,880,000 after offsetting the share issuance costs of HK\$1,552,000 were credited against the share premium account.
- 5. On 20 November 2020, share options to subscribe for 12,240,000 ordinary Shares were exercised. The net consideration was HK\$184,000 of which HK\$122,000 was credited to share capital account and the balance of HK\$62,000 was credited to the share premium account. An amount of HK\$102,000 was transferred from share option reserve account to share premium account upon the exercise of the share options.

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## 24. RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS

Save as disclosed in elsewhere to the unaudited condensed consolidated financial statements, the Group has the following related party transactions.

			Three months ended 30 September				
Name of related party	Relationship	Nature of transaction	2021 (Unaudited) HK\$'000	2020 (Unaudited) HK\$'000	2021 (Unaudited) HK\$'000	2020 (Unaudited) HK\$'000	
Wong Hin Shek	Director	Loan interest charged Commission income from dealing	-	13	-	678	
		in securities	1	_	68		
			1	13	68	678	
Related companies	Common director	Corporate consulting service income Commission income from dealing in securities	120	_	801 9	_	
			120	_	810	_	

Total compensation paid to key management personnel during the nine months ended 30 September 2021 amounted to HK\$2,327,000 (nine months ended 30 September 2020: HK\$814,000).

#### MANAGEMENT DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS

## FINANCIAL AND BUSINESS REVIEW

During the nine months ended 30 September 2021, the Group is principally engaged in (i) financial services business including securities brokerage services, provision of corporate finance advisory services, asset management business and money lending services; (ii) corporate consulting business including company secretarial services, accounting and financial reporting services and management consulting services; and (iii) trading business.

Blossom Height and its subsidiaries ("**Blossom Height Group**") were principally engaged in the financial leasing business. As the performance of the financial leasing business continued sluggish, on 10 September 2021, End User Investments Limited (being a wholly-owned subsidiary of the Company), in its capacity as the sole shareholder of Blossom Height resolved to wind up Blossom Height by way of member's voluntary winding-up. Mr. Osman Mohammed Arab and Mr. Lai Wing Lun of RSM Corporate Advisory (Hong Kong) Limited, and Mr. Nathan Mills of R&H Restructuring (BVI) Limited were appointed as the joint voluntary liquidators of Blossom Height on 29 September 2021. Following the appointment of liquidators, Blossom Height ceased to be a subsidiary of the Company and the financial results of Blossom Height was deconsolidated from that of the Group.

For the nine months ended 30 September 2021, the Group recorded revenue of approximately HK\$21.1 million (nine months ended 30 September 2020: approximately HK\$36.7 million). Loss for the period attributable to owners of the Company was approximately HK\$20.1 million (nine months ended 30 September 2020: approximately HK\$58.1 million). Basic and diluted loss per Share was approximately HK\$0.09 (nine months ended 30 September 2020: approximately HK\$0.86). The net loss of the Group for the nine months ended 30 September 2021 of approximately HK\$19.7 million was mainly attributable to the net off effect of (i) the absence of reversal of impairment loss on other receivables of approximately HK\$78.0 million; (ii) the absence of impairment loss on finance lease receivables of approximately HK\$78.0 million; and (iii) a loss on deconsolidation of subsidiaries of approximately HK\$4.1 million.

Should the reversal of impairment loss on other receivables and impairment loss on finance lease receivables be excluded, the net loss of the Group for the nine months ended 30 September 2020 would be approximately HK\$15.2 million. The net loss of approximately HK\$19.7 million for the nine months ended 30 September 2021 represented a slightly increase as compared to the net loss of approximately HK\$15.2 million for the nine months ended 30 September 2020.

## FINANCIAL AND BUSINESS REVIEW (Continued)

#### **Financial services business**

The revenue for the nine months ended 30 September 2021 of the financial services business was approximately HK\$11.0 million (nine months ended 30 September 2020: approximately HK\$18.7 million) and a segment profit of approximately HK\$6.7 million (nine months ended 30 September 2020: approximately HK\$7.0 million). The slightly decrease in revenue was mainly due to reduction in the value and volume of transactions in the businesses of corporate finance advisory and asset management services that the business opportunities were much diminished during the current uncertain economic environment caused by the coronavirus ("COVID-19") pandemic.

During the nine months ended 30 September 2021, the corporate financial advisory services and assets management services generated revenue of approximately HK\$6.3 million and HK\$2.8 million respectively (nine months ended 30 September 2020: HK\$10.1 million and HK\$7.6 million respectively), represented approximately 29.9% and 13.3% of the total revenue of the Group respectively. Both businesses of corporate financial advisory services and assets management services continuously generated stable revenue stream and contributed operating profit to the Group.

As at 30 September 2021, the Group had loans receivable with gross principal amount of approximately HK\$7.9 million (31 December 2020: HK\$11.2 million). The Group recorded interest income from loans receivable of approximately HK\$1.1 million for the nine months ended 30 September 2021 (nine months ended 30 September 2020: HK\$0.07 million).

The loan portfolio comprises loans to independent third party borrowers with term ranging from 5 months to 12 months and interest rate from 12% to 15% per annum.

The Group has adopted a credit policy to manage its money lending business which includes compliance with all applicable laws and regulations, credit assessment on potential borrower and his/its assets, the credibility of the potential borrower, the necessity in obtaining collaterals and determination of suitable interest rate to reflect the risk level of the provision of loan.

The Group has performed credit risk assessment before granting the loans by (a) reviewing the financial information of the potential borrower; and (b) performing an assessment on the financial condition of the potential borrower and its shareholder (for enterprises), such as the type and value of assets owned by the potential borrower.

The Group also assesses and decides the necessity and the value of security/collateral for granting of each loan, whether to an individual or enterprise, on a case by case basis considering factors, including but not limited to, the repayment history, results of public search towards the borrower, the value and location of the assets owned by the borrower and the financial condition of the borrower.

#### FINANCIAL AND BUSINESS REVIEW (Continued)

#### **Corporate consulting business**

The corporate consulting business recorded a revenue of approximately HK\$4.4 million (nine months ended 30 September 2020: approximately HK\$6.0 million) and a segment profit of approximately HK\$0.2 million (nine months ended 30 September 2020: approximately HK\$2.1 million) during the nine months ended 30 September 2021. The decrease in segment profit was mainly due to slightly reduction in the volume of transactions in the corporate consulting business under the current uncertain economic climate caused by the outbreak of COVID-19.

## **Trading business**

The revenue of the trading business for the nine months ended 30 September 2021 was approximately HK\$5.6 million (nine months ended 30 September 2020: approximately HK\$12.0 million) and a segment loss of approximately HK\$0.5 million (nine months ended 30 September 2020: approximately HK\$0.2 million). The decrease in revenue was mainly due to the cross border restriction imposed by the Hong Kong Government, the number of customers, especially those from the PRC, dropped dramatically.

#### Financial assets at fair value through profit or loss

In December 2020, the Group has purchased a listed security investment with an aggregate investment cost of approximately HK\$1.0 million.

As at 30 September 2021, the Group manage a listed security investment with fair value of approximately HK\$0.6 million (31 December 2020: HK\$1.0 million). The Board is always cautious of the prospects of the trading performance of the Group's portfolio of listed securities investments.

Details of the listed security investment as at 30 September 2021 and 31 December 2020 and losses for the nine months ended 30 September 2021 and 2020 are as below:

#### Losses for the nine months ended 30 September 2021

Name of listed securities	Stock code	Realised losses HK\$'000	Unrealised losses HK\$'000	Dividend received HK\$'000
Evergrande Property Services Group Limited	6666	_	(432)	_

# FINANCIAL AND BUSINESS REVIEW (Continued)

# Financial assets at fair value through profit or loss as at 30 September 2021

Name of listed securities	Stock code	Brief description of the business	Number of shares held	Proportion of shares held	Investment cost HK\$'000		Approximate Percentage to total assets value of the Group
Evergrande Property Services Group Limited	6666	Integrated commercial properties service business	113,000	0.001%	995	579	0.5%

# Losses for the nine months ended 30 September 2020

Name of listed securities	Stock code	Realised losses HK\$'000	Unrealised losses HK\$'000	Dividend received HK\$'000
Evergrande Property Services Group Limited	6666	_	_	_

# Financial assets at fair value through profit or loss as at 31 December 2020

Name of listed securities	Stock code	Brief description of the business	Number of shares held	Proportion of shares held	Investment cost HK\$'000	Market value HK\$'000	Approximate Percentage to total assets value of the Group
Evergrande Property Services Group Limited	6666	Integrated commercial properties service business	113,000	0.001%	995	1,010	0.9%

## OUTLOOK

#### **Financial services business**

The Group will continue to expand the clients base and establish a strong track record in order to strengthen the businesses of corporate financial advisory services, asset management services and money lending services in the coming future. For the securities brokerage services business, the Group will explore the involvement in the share placement activities to enhance its revenue stream. Furthermore, the Group will continue to explore new business opportunities in financial technology industry ("**Fin-tech**") to capture the potential growth of the booming of Fin-tech to create synergy effect with the Group's existing financial services, money lending services and asset management services.

#### **Corporate consulting business**

Given the worldwide awareness of corporate governance, the Group anticipates the demand from Hong Kong listed issuers requesting for professional services in relation to corporate governance matters and compliance with the appropriate local rules governing the listed companies in Hong Kong and other relevant legal and regulatory requirements will persist.

## **Trading business**

The business environment for retail trade was continued to be more difficult and challenging in the near term. The Board has taken various proactive measures, including but not limited to, develop an online platform of trading of goods, components and accessories, to minimise the impact of COVID-19 on the trading business operations.

#### **CONVERTIBLE BONDS**

#### 2008 Convertible Bonds

On 10 January 2020, the Company and the CB Holders entered into the fourth supplemental deed, pursuant to which the Company and the CB Holders conditionally agreed to amend certain terms of the 2008 CBs such that (a) the maturity date of the 2008 CBs be extended for a further term of three years from 13 August 2020 to 12 August 2023; and (b) the conversion price of the 2008 CBs be revised from HK\$0.95 per conversion share to HK\$0.110 per conversion share with effect from 13 August 2020 (subject to adjustments). Save for the above amendments, all other terms of the 2008 CBs shall remain unchanged and valid. The amendments on 2008 CBs took effect on 18 May 2020.

On 29 June 2020, the Company made a partial redemption in the principal amount of HK\$55,000,000 on part of the 2008 CBs.

#### **CONVERTIBLE BONDS** (Continued)

#### 2008 Convertible Bonds (Continued)

On 17 June 2021, upon the effective of the share consolidation on the basis that every ten issued and unissued Shares of par value of HK\$0.01 each in the share capital of the Company be consolidated into one consolidated share of par value of HK\$0.10 each, the conversion price of 2008 CBs adjusted to HK\$1.10 per conversion share.

On 22 July 2021, the Company completed the 2021 Rights Issue and allotted and issued 346,310,897 Shares, on the basis of five (5) rights share for every two (2) Shares held on 28 June 2021 at the subscription price of HK\$0.15 per rights share. Upon the completion of the 2021 Rights Issue, the conversion price of 2008 CB was adjusted to HK\$0.90 per conversion share.

As at 30 September 2021, the Company had 2008 CBs with principal amount of HK\$69.1 million conferring rights to convert into a total of 76,742,221 Shares with the conversion price of HK\$0.90 per conversion share.

#### **Team Sunny Convertible Bonds**

On 10 January 2020, the Company entered into the subscription agreement (as supplemented by the supplemental agreement dated 20 March 2020) with Team Sunny, pursuant to which Team Sunny conditionally agreed to subscribe and the Company conditionally agreed to issue the convertible bonds in the principal amount of HK\$39,805,651 (which are convertible into conversion shares at the conversion price of HK\$0.110 per conversion share (subject to adjustments)) for the settlement of the outstanding debt due from the Company to Mr. Wong Hin Shek of HK\$39,805,651. The subscription amount payable by Team Sunny under the subscription agreement shall be satisfied by way of offsetting (i) the principal amount of HK\$8,000,000 under the 2019 PN and payable by the Company to Mr. Wong, an executive Director, the Chairman and the Chief Executive Officer of the Company (which will be assigned to Team Sunny by Mr. Wong at the completion of the subscription to facilitate the setoff); and (ii) the outstanding principal amount and part of the accrued interest in an aggregate amount of HK\$31,805,651 under Mr. Wong's facilities payable by the Company to Mr. Wong (which will be assigned to Team Sunny by Mr. Wong at the completion of the subscription to facilitate the setoff).

On 21 May 2020, the subscription took place and the Team Sunny CB in the principal amount of HK\$39,805,651 were issued to Team Sunny.

#### **CONVERTIBLE BONDS** (Continued)

#### Team Sunny Convertible Bonds (Continued)

On 17 June 2021, upon the effective of the share consolidation on the basis that every ten issued and unissued Shares of par value of HK\$0.01 each in the share capital of the Company be consolidated into one consolidated share of par value of HK\$0.1 each, the conversion price of Team Sunny CB adjusted to HK\$1.10 per conversion share.

On 22 July 2021, the Company completed the 2021 Rights Issue and allotted and issued 346,310,897 Shares, on the basis of five (5) rights share for every two (2) Shares held on 28 June 2021 at the subscription price of HK\$0.15 per rights share. Upon the completion of the 2021 Rights Issue, the conversion price of Team Sunny CB was adjusted to HK\$0.903 per conversion share.

As at 30 September 2021, the Company had Team Sunny CB with principal amount of HK\$39.8 million conferring rights to convert into a total of 44,081,562 Shares with the conversion price of HK\$0.903 per conversion share.

## DIVIDENDS

The Board resolved not to recommend the payment of any dividend for the nine months ended 30 September 2021 (nine months ended 30 September 2020: Nil).

### FINANCIAL RESOURCES, LIQUIDITY AND GEARING

As at 30 September 2021, the Group recorded cash and bank balances (included trust accounts) amounting to approximately HK\$74.6 million (31 December 2020: approximately HK\$55.0 million) and the net current assets value was approximately HK\$50.7 million (31 December 2020: approximately HK\$2.6 million).

The Group's gearing ratio as at 30 September 2021 was approximately 0.74 (31 December 2020: approximately 0.69), being a ratio of total interest-bearing debts, includes bank borrowings and convertible bonds of approximately HK\$82.5 million (31 December 2020: approximately HK\$74.7 million) to the total assets of approximately HK\$112.0 million (31 December 2020: approximately HK\$108.2 million).

#### **USE OF PROCEEDS FROM 2020 RIGHTS ISSUE**

The Company completed the 2020 Rights Issue on 22 June 2020, pursuant to which the Company has issued 1,048,802,876 Shares as rights shares at HK\$0.110 per rights share on the basis of four rights shares for every one Share held on 28 May 2020. The net proceeds from the 2020 Rights Issue (after deducting the expenses) were approximately HK\$110.8 million. The net subscription price per rights share after deducting the related expenses of the 2020 Rights Issue was approximately HK\$0.106.

The intended and actual use of the net proceeds from the 2020 Rights Issue is stated as below:

Amount HK\$ million	Intended use	Actual use
55.00	Repayment of the 2008 CBs to	Fully utilised as intended
12.64	Mr. Cheung Wai Yin, Wilson Repayment of the Mr. Cheung	Fully utilised as intended
44.00	Wai Yin, Wilson advance to the Company	- H. 200 H. 200 H. 1
14.86	Repayment of the promissory notes issued by the Company	Fully utilised as intended
28.30	on 4 April 2014 General working capital and future investment	Fully utilised as intended
110.80		

## **USE OF PROCEEDS FROM 2021 RIGHTS ISSUE**

The Company completed the 2021 Rights Issue on 22 July 2021, pursuant to which the Company has issued 346,310,897 Shares as rights shares at HK\$0.15 per rights share on the basis of five (5) rights share for every two (2) Shares held on 28 June 2021. The net proceeds from the 2021 Rights Issue (after deducting the expenses were approximately HK\$49.79 million. The net subscription price per rights share after deducting the related expenses of the 2021 Rights Issue was approximately HK\$0.144.

#### USE OF PROCEEDS FROM 2021 RIGHTS ISSUE (Continued)

The intended and actual use of the net proceeds as at 30 September 2021 from the 2021 Rights Issue is stated as below:

Amount HK\$ million	Intended use	Actual use
28.89	Repayment of the promissory notes issued by the Company on 21 April 2015	
7.93	Repayment of the loan indebted to Mr. Lau Chung Yan by the Company	Fully utilised as intended
12.97	, , ,	Approximately HK\$9.42 million has not been utilised and is expected to be used as intended within 12 months
49.79		

#### **PLEDGE OF ASSETS**

As at 30 September 2021, the Group had no pledged assets (31 December 2020: Nil).

## **CAPITAL STRUCTURE**

During the nine months ended 30 September 2021, 62,000,000 share options of the Company (the "Share Options") were exercised.

On 17 June 2021, the Company implemented a share consolidation (the "**Share Consolidation**") on the basis that every ten issued and unissued Shares of HK\$0.01 each were consolidated into one consolidated share of the Company of HK\$0.1 each.

On 22 July 2021, the Company completed the 2021 Rights Issue and allotted and issued 346,310,897 Shares, on the basis of five (5) rights shares for every two (2) Share held on 28 June 2021 at the subscription price of HK\$0.15 per rights share.

#### **CAPITAL STRUCTURE** (Continued)

Save as disclosed, the Company had no changes in capital structure during the nine months ended 30 September 2021.

#### **INVESTMENT POSITION AND PLANNING**

# Rights Issue on the basis of five (5) rights shares for every two (2) share held on 28 June 2021

On 22 July 2021, the Company completed the 2021 Rights Issue and allotted and issued 346,310,897 Shares, on the basis of five (5) rights shares for every two (2) Share held on 28 June 2021 at the subscription price of HK\$0.15 per rights share. The net proceeds raised from the 2021 Rights Issue were approximately HK\$49.79 million.

Details were set out in the Company's announcements dated 12 April 2021, 3 May 2021, 15 June 2021, 29 June 2021 and 21 July 2021, the Company's circular dated 25 May 2021 and the Company's prospectus dated 29 June 2021.

#### Acceptance of offers for the renewal of leasing of office premises

On 2 August 2021, each of the Company and Merdeka Credit Limited, an indirect wholly-owned subsidiary of the Company, entered into the offer letters (the "**Offer Letters**") in relation to an acceptance of terms in respect of the intended renewal of leasing of Rooms 1107–1110, Wing On Centre, 111 Connaught Road Central, Hong Kong for a term of three years commencing on 1 November 2021 and ending on 31 October 2024.

Details were set out in the Company's announcement dated 2 August 2021.

#### Winding up of Blossom Height Ventures Ltd

On 10 September 2021, End User Investments Limited, a wholly-owned subsidiary of the Company, in its capacity as the sole shareholder of Blossom Height resolved to wind up Blossom Height by way of member's voluntary winding-up. Mr. Osman Mohammed Arab and Mr. Lai Wing Lun of RSM Corporate Advisory (Hong Kong) Limited, and Mr. Nathan Mills of R&H Restructuring (BVI) Limited were appointed as the joint voluntary liquidators of Blossom Height on 29 September 2021.

Details were set out in the Company's announcement dated 10 September 2021.

#### **EMPLOYEES AND REMUNERATION POLICIES**

As at 30 September 2021, the Group employed 35 staff (31 December 2020: 40). The Group's remuneration policy is based on principle of equality, motivating performance-oriented and market-competitiveness. Remuneration packages are normally reviewed on an annual basis. Apart from salary payments, other staff benefits included provident fund contributions, medical insurance coverage and performance related to bonuses. A share option scheme is also established to reward and motivated the employees of the Group.

### **CONNECTED TRANSACTIONS**

Saved as disclosed, the Company did not have any other connected transactions which were subject to the reporting requirements under Chapter 20 of the GEM Listing Rules for nine months ended 30 September 2021.

### SHARE OPTION SCHEME

The Company operates a share option scheme (the "**Share Option Scheme**") approved and adopted by the shareholders of the Company (the "**Shareholder**") in an extraordinary general meeting on 30 December 2020. Unless otherwise cancelled or amended, the Share Option Scheme will remain in force for a period of 10 years from the date of its adoption. Apart from the Share Option Scheme, the Company has no other share option scheme currently in force.

During the period for the nine months ended 30 September 2021, a total of 132,320,000 Share Options were granted and a total of 62,000,000 Share Options were exercised under the Share Option Scheme. Save and except for the aforesaid, no Share Option was granted, exercised, cancelled, expired or lapsed during the period.

## SHARE OPTION SCHEME (Continued)

Details of the movements of the Share Options under the Share Option Scheme and the Old Share Option Scheme (as defined below) during the period were as follows:

	Number of Share Options										
Grantees/Capacity	Outstanding as at 1 January 2021	Granted during the period	Exercised during the period (Note 3)	Cancelled/ Lapsed during the period	Adjusted during the period upon effective of the Share Consolidation	Adjusted during the period upon effective of the Rights Issue	Outstanding as at 30 September 2021	Date of grant	Exercise period	Price of the Shares before the date of grant (Note 2) Per Share	Exercise price (Note 1) Per Share
Executive Director Ms. Tsang Kwai Ping	_	9,000,000	(9,000,000)	_	-	_	_	20/1/2021	20/1/2021- 19/1/2026	0.014	0.132
Independent non-executive Directors											
Ms. Ng Ka Sim, Casina	-	1,000,000	-	-	(900,000)	13,513	113,513	20/1/2021	20/1/2021- 19/1/2026	0.014	0.132
Mr. Wong Wing Kit	-	1,000,000	-	-	(900,000)	13,513	113,513	20/1/2021	20/1/2021- 19/1/2026	0.014	0.132
Ms. Yeung Mo Sheung, Ann	_	1,000,000	-	-	(900,000)	13,513	113,513	20/1/2021	20/1/2021- 19/1/2026	0.014	0.132
Employees and other eligible participants											
Employees of the Group	-	33,000,000	(1,000,000)	-	(28,800,000)	432,430	3,632,430	20/1/2021	20/1/2021- 19/1/2026	0.014	0.132
Other eligible participants	35,854 <i>(Note 4)</i>	-	-	-	(32,269)	484	4,069	30/5/2012	30/5/2012- 29/5/2022	0.017	293.647
	(11012 4)	87,320,000	(52,000,000)	-	(31,788,000)	477,296	4,009,296	20/1/2021	20/1/2021- 19/1/2024	0.014	0.132
	35,854	132,320,000	(62,000,000)	-	(63,320,269)	950,749	7,986,334				

#### Notes:

- 1. The exercise price of the Share Options is subject to adjustment in the case of capitalisation issue, rights issue, subdivision or consolidation of the Shares, or other similar changes in the Company's share capital.
- 2. The price of the Shares before the date of the grant of the Share Options is the closing price of the Shares as quoted on the Stock Exchange on the trading day immediately before the date on which the Share Options were granted.
- 3. The weighted average closing price of the Shares immediately before the dates on which the Share Options were exercise was approximately HK\$0.0224 per Share.
- Share Options under the old share option scheme of the Company (the "Old Share Option Scheme") which adopted by the Company on 3 May 2012 and terminated in an extraordinary general meeting on 30 December 2020.

# DIRECTORS' AND CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S INTERESTS IN SECURITIES OF THE COMPANY

As at 30 September 2021, the interests and short positions of the Directors and chief executive of the Company in the Shares, underlying Shares and debentures of the Company or any of its associated corporations (within the meaning of Part XV of the Securities and Futures Ordinance (Cap. 571 of the Laws of Hong Kong) (the "**SFO**") which were required to be notified to the Company and the Stock Exchange under Divisions 7 and 8 of Part XV of the SFO (including any interests or short positions which they are taken or deemed to have under such provisions of the SFO) or as recorded in the register required to be kept under Section 352 of the SFO, or which were required to be notified to the Company and the Stock Exchange pursuant to the required standard of dealings by Directors as referred to in rules 5.46 to 5.67 of the GEM Listing Rules, were as follows:

## Long positions in the Shares and underlying Shares

	Nature of interest/	Number of Shares held	Number of underlying		Approximate percentage of the total issued share capital of the Company (Note 2)	
Name of Director	Capacity		Shares held	Total	(%)	
Mr. Wong Hin Shek (Note 1)	Controlled corporation	136,755,500	105,192,673	241,948,173	49.90	
Mr. Cheung Wai Yin, Wilson	Beneficial owner	5,578	_	5,578	0.001	
Ms. Tsang Kwai Ping	Beneficial owner	900,000	—	900,000	0.19	
Ms. Ng Ka Sim, Casina	Beneficial owner	—	113,513	113,513	0.02	
Mr. Wong Wing Kit	Beneficial owner	_	113,513	113,513	0.02	
Ms. Yeung Mo Sheung, Ann	Beneficial owner	_	113,513	113,513	0.02	

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- (1) The interest is held by Team Sunny, a company incorporated in the British Virgin Islands owned as to 100% by Mr. Wong Hin Shek.
- (2) The percentage has been calculated based on 484,835,256 Shares in issue as at 30 September 2021.

# DIRECTORS' AND CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S INTERESTS IN SECURITIES OF THE

## **COMPANY** (Continued)

#### Long positions in the Shares and underlying Shares (Continued)

Save as disclosed above and so far as is known to the Directors, at 30 September 2021, none of the Directors and chief executive of the Company had any interests or short positions in the Shares, underlying Shares or debentures of the Company or any of its associated corporations (within the meaning of Part XV of the SFO) which were required to be notified to the Company and the Stock Exchange under Divisions 7 and 8 of Part XV of the SFO (including interests or short positions which they were taken or deemed to have under such provisions of the SFO) or as recorded in the register required to be kept under Section 352 of the SFO, or which were required to be notified to the Company and the Stock Exchange pursuant to the required standard of dealings by Directors as referred to in rules 5.46 to 5.67 of the GEM Listing Rules.

## DIRECTORS' RIGHTS TO ACQUIRE SHARES OR DEBENTURES

Save as disclosed under the sections headed "Directors' and Chief Executive's Interests in Securities of the Company" and "Share Option Scheme" above, at no time during the period for the nine months ended 30 September 2021 was the Company or any of its subsidiaries or associated corporations, a party to any arrangement to enable the Directors and chief executive of the Company (including their respective spouse and children under 18 years of age) to acquire benefits by means of the acquisition of the shares or underlying shares in, or debentures of, the Company or any of its associated corporations.

# SUBSTANTIAL SHAREHOLDERS' AND OTHER PERSON'S INTERESTS IN SECURITIES OF THE COMPANY

As at 30 September 2021, the following persons (other than the Directors or chief executive of the Company) had interests or short positions in the Shares or underlying Shares of the Company which would fall to be disclosed to the Company under the provisions of Divisions 2 and 3 of Part XV of the SFO or as recorded in the register required to be kept under section 336 of the SFO:

#### Long positions in the Shares and underlying Shares:

	Nature of interest/	Number of	Number of underlying		Approximate percentage of the total issued share capital of the Company (Note 2)
Name of Shareholder	Capacity	Shares held	Shares held	Total	(%)
Team Sunny (Note 1)	Beneficial owner	136,755,500	105,192,673	241,948,173	49.90

## SUBSTANTIAL SHAREHOLDERS' AND OTHER PERSON'S INTERESTS IN SECURITIES OF THE COMPANY (Continued)

Long positions in the Shares and underlying Shares: (Continued)

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- (1) The interest is held by Team Sunny, a company incorporated in the British Virgin Islands owned as to 100% by Mr. Wong Hin Shek.
- (2) The percentage has been calculated based on 484,835,256 Shares in issue as at 30 September 2021.

Save as disclosed above, the Directors and chief executive of the Company are not aware that there is any party who, as at 30 September 2021, had an interest or short position in the Shares or underlying Shares which would fall to be disclosed to the Company under the provisions of Divisions 2 and 3 of Part XV of the SFO, or as recorded in the register required to be kept by the Company under section 336 of the SFO.

## DIRECTORS' INTERESTS IN COMPETING BUSINESS

Ms. Tsang Kwai Ping, an executive Director, is a director of Bridgeharbour (HK) Management Service Company Limited ("**BMSCL**"), a company incorporated in Hong Kong with limited liability which is principally engaged in the provision of company secretarial services for nonlisted Hong Kong companies in Hong Kong. The business of BMSCL competes or is likely to compete, either directly or indirectly of the company secretarial services business of the Group. To safeguard the Group's interest, Ms. Tsang has irrevocably and unconditionally provided the Company an undertaking in accordance with the terms and conditions under outside interests and non-competition undertaking set out in her service agreement.

As the Board is independent of the board of the aforesaid company and maintains three independent non-executive Directors, the Group operates its businesses independently of, and at arm's length from, the businesses of the aforesaid company.

For the nine months ended 30 September 2021, save as disclosed above, no other Directors or their respective associates (as defined in the GEM Listing Rules) had any interest in a business which competes or is likely to compete, either directly or indirectly, with the business of the Group.

### MODEL CODE FOR SECURITIES TRANSACTIONS BY DIRECTORS

The Company has not adopted a code of conduct nor established written guidelines regarding the securities transactions by the Directors and relevant employees of the Company but has applied the principles of the required standard of dealings set out in rules 5.48 to 5.67 of the GEM Listing Rules (the "**Required Standard of Dealings**").

All Directors have confirmed, following the specific enquiry by the Company, that they have complied with the Required Standard of Dealings throughout the period and up to the date of this report.

## PURCHASE, SALE OR REDEMPTION OF THE LISTED SECURITIES

Neither the Company, nor any of its subsidiaries has purchased, sold or redeemed any of the Company's listed securities during the period for the nine months ended 30 September 2021.

### COMPLIANCE WITH THE CORPORATE GOVERNANCE CODE

Throughout the period ended 30 September 2021, to the best knowledge of the Board, the Company has applied the principles and complied with all the applicable code provisions set out in the Corporate Governance Code in Appendix 15 of the GEM Listing Rules except for the deviation from code provision A.2.1 which is explained below:

The code provision A.2.1 provides that the roles of chairman and chief executive should be separated and should not be performed by the same individual. Mr. Wong Hin Shek currently assumes the roles of both the Chairman and the Chief Executive Officer. The Board considered (1) Mr. Wong has substantial experience that is essential to fulfilling the role of the Chairman, at the same time, he has the appropriate management skills and business acumen that are the prerequisites for assuming the role of the Chief Executive Officer in the day-to-day management of the Group; (2) having the same individual in both roles as the Chairman and the Chief Executive Officer could ensure the leadership consistency and could make and implement the overall strategy of the Group more effectively; and (3) the current structure of the Board does not compromise the balance of power and authority between the Board and the management of the Company. The Board will regularly review the effectiveness of this structure to ensure that it is appropriate to the Group's circumstances.

## AUDIT COMMITTEE

The Company has established the audit committee of the Company (the "Audit Committee") with specific written terms of reference formulated in accordance with the requirements of the GEM Listing Rules. The main duties of the Audit Committee are to (i) review the quarterly, half-yearly and annual results of the Group; (ii) review the risk management and internal control systems, the effectiveness of the internal audit function of the Group; and (iii) ensure the objectivity and credibility of the Company's financial reporting and internal control procedures as well as to maintain an appropriate relationship with the external auditor of the Company.

As at the date of this report, the Audit Committee comprises of three independent nonexecutive Directors, namely Ms. Ng Ka Sim, Casina, Mr. Wong Wing Kit and Ms. Yeung Mo Sheung, Ann, with at least one of whom has professional qualifications or accounting or related financial management expertise as required in rule 5.05(2) of the GEM Listing Rules.

The Audit Committee has reviewed with the senior management of the Company the unaudited condensed consolidated quarterly results of the Group for the nine months ended 30 September 2021 and this report, and was of the opinion that such results and this report had complied with the applicable accounting standards, the requirements under the GEM Listing Rules and other applicable legal requirements and that adequate disclosures had been made.

By order of the Board MERDEKA FINANCIAL GROUP LIMITED Wong Hin Shek Chairman and Chief Executive Officer

Hong Kong, 11 November 2021

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As at the date of this report, the executive Directors are Mr. Wong Hin Shek (Chairman and Chief Executive Officer), Mr. Cheung Wai Yin, Wilson and Ms. Tsang Kwai Ping, the independent non-executive Directors are Ms. Ng Ka Sim, Casina and Mr. Wong Wing Kit and Ms. Yeung Mo Sheung, Ann.

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